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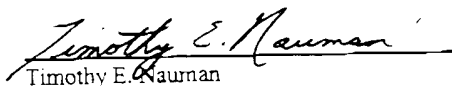
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For the present, applicants hereby withdraw claims 9-23 from further consideration herein. Upon cancellation of these claims at a future date, applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter in a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

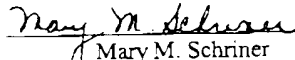
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In re Application of : Jozsef Tokes, et al.

Title : COMPACT FLUORESCENT LAMP AS WELL
AS METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MANUFACTURING SAME

Serial No. : 09/882,842

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 03, 2002, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a compact fluorescent lamp without traverse. The restriction between Group II and III is traversed for the reasons noted below.

The examiner's assertion that the double helix does not need to be made by a molded core, and instead can be shaped by hand or an alternative method, in support of a restriction between Groups II and III is not true. Claim 9 specifically requires "providing a segmented molding core... [and] withdrawing the segments in a radial direction." Consequently, the explicit claim limitations preclude the method from being formed by hand, blow molding, or other alternative methods. Accordingly, the inventions of Groups II and III are not distinct as alleged by the examiner and should be examined together when a divisional application is filed.